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1. All the railroad bridges in the Soviet Zone of Germany which have been constructed or rebuilt since 1945 must be provided with demolition chambers by order of the SOG Transport Division. The code name for these demolition chambers is "inspection shafts". *
2. A major in charge of the technical supervision of the construction of railroad bridges and demolition chambers is assigned to Construction Staff No. 23. According to Soviet regulations, the demolition chambers at bridges must be three meters below the water level. **
3. Completed demolition chambers will be inspected by Soviet Construction Staff No. 23. They will then be covered with steel lids, sealed, and cemented under Soviet supervision.
4. The following railroad bridges are already or will be provided with demolition chambers: Frankfurt/Oder; bridge over the Teltow Canal near Alt Glienicke (N 53/Z 94); and the bridge over the Spree River near Spindlersfeld (N 53/Z 94). ***

25X1A * Comment. The Soviet order on the installation of demolition chambers is considered probable.

25X1A ** Comment. Soviet Construction Staff No. 23 was previously known and was repeatedly observed as an agency supervising the construction of railroad lines and bridges.

25X1A *** Comment. The number of bridges provided with demolition chambers is much higher. The bridges mentioned are near Gruenau on the Schoenefeld (N 53/Z 93) - Wuhlheide (N 53/Z 94) section of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring.

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